Rusk Says NATO's Flank in Pacific

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PARIS, Dec. 13 —Arriving in Paris today for the annual winter meeting of Foreign, Defense and Finance Ministers of NATO, U.S. secretary of State Dean Rusk said that he hoped "to be in a position to give the NATO ministers an up-to-date account of the developments along the western flank of the NATO area in the Pacific Ocean."

This baffled French journalists, who had to be reminded that Hawaii is an American state.

One newspaperman asked NATO Secretary-General Manlio Brosio at a press conference if the interests of the Atlantic Alliance extended to the Pacific.

"The talks and responsibilities of NATO do not include any in Asia," Brosio answered, but said that the ministers of course were not barred from discussing the problems any of them might have outside the area covered by the North Atlantic Treaty.

Rusk was also asked on his arrival if there was need of European manpower in Vietnam.

Rusk Welcomes Aid

"Of course we'd be glad to see help from any quarter, of any sort, in Vietnam," Rusk replied.

West Germany's new Foreign Minister, Social Democratic Leader Willy Brandt also arrived today. He said that he planned "to put more vigor and muscle into the Franco-Germany Treaty of 1963." This is the treaty of cooperation which has been, in President de Gaulle's words in a state of "cordial potentiality" since he signed it with former Chancellor Adenauer.

As though to give point to Brandt's words, it was announced today that the French and German negotiators who have been discussing the subject here for the last few days have reached agreement on the status of the French troops in West Germany. Details were not released. This faces the NATO meeting with a fair accompli.

At his press conference, Brosio opened the possibility that this may not be the last NATO council meeting to be held in Paris, which is now everybody had been describing it so far.

Brussels Move

Brosio said one of the decisions the ministers will make during the discussions of the next three days is when to move to Brussels. They will also have to decide what to do until new NATO Council quarters are built there — whether to rent in Brussels, build temporary quarters or stay here.

Of the questions which will confront the NATO ministers, Brosio spoke most lengthily about an East-West thaw. He said it could be hoped that new possibilities for a thaw are opening but warned, against relaxing vigilance at a time when the Soviet Union has increased its military capacity.

[In another development here, France proposed to its six partners in the Western European Union (WEU) that they join in seeking international recognition of Communist China.

[It wa sthe first time the Chinese question has been raised in the 11-year-old WEU Assembly. France, Britain and The Netherlands, among the WEU governments, have ties with China. West Germany, Belgium, Italy and Luxembourg do not.]